GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – District Judges - Counting the ad-hoc services of Smt. S. Sarada Devi, District Judge and Smt. B. Sunitha, District Judge rendered as ad-hoc Fast Track Court District Judges, together with their regular service in the cadre District Judge, for the purpose of pensionary and retrial benefits - Orders - Issued.

LAW (LA & J-SC.F) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 68

Dated: 07-11-2025

Read the following:

1. G.O.Rt.No.1798, Law (LA & J-SC-F) Department, dated 06.10.2003.
2. Judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in T.C.(C) 22 of 2011, Dated:19.04.2012.
3. G.O.Ms.No.41 Law (LAJ & SC.F) Dept., Dt.14.05.2018.
4. Orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Civil Appeal No.6296, 6297, 6298, 6299/ 2019, (Arising out of SLP (C) Nos. 20990 of 2017, 12535, 13046 & 28302/2018, dated 14.08.2019.
5. G.O.Ms.No.24, Law (LA & J-SC-F) Department, dated 27.04.2022
6. From the Registrar (ADMN), High Court of A.P., ROC No.530/2024-B1, dated 30.04.2024

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, Government have issued orders appointing (20) candidates to act as District Judges on ad-hoc basis to preside over Fast Track Courts on monthly consolidated payment basis.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has issued certain directions to the Hon'ble High Courts for absorptions of Adhoc Fast Track District Judges into regular cadre of District Judges.

3. In the reference 3rd read above, Government have issued orders appointing the two(2) viz., Smt S. Sarada Devi and Smt B. Sunitha, ad-hoc Fast Track Courts District Judges as regular District Judges (Entry Level) under direct recruitment category in the A.P. State Judicial Service.

4. The Hon'ble Supreme Court in Civil Appeal. No.6296/2019 (arising out of SLP (C) No.20990/2017) filed by Kum. C.Yamini along with Civil Appeal No.6297/2019 (arising out of SLP (C) No.12535/2018); Civil Appeal No.6298/2019 (arising out of SLP (C) No.13046/2018); Civil Appeal No.6299/2019 (arising out of SLP (C) No.28302/2018) has observed and made the following judgment, dt.14.08.2019 that:

> *" 16. In the civil appeal arising out of S.L.P. (c) No.28302 of 2018, learned counsel for the appellants has submitted that the appellants be at least given the benefit of counting the services rendered by them in Fast Track Courts for pensionary and other benefits. In support of his claim, learned counsel placed reliance on the judgment of this Court in Mahesh Chandra Verma Vs. State of Jharkhand & Ors." wherein this court has considered the very same issue and held that the service rendered as Fast Tract Court Judges is to be counted for their length of service, for the purpose of determining their pension and other retiral benefits.*

17. We have perused the aforesaid judgment and we are in agreement with the view taken by a two judge Bench of this Court. Resultantly, while rejecting their claim for grant of seniority from the date of their initial appointment as Fast Track Court District Judges and other reliefs, we direct that the appellants and all others who are similarly placed are to be given benefit of counting their service rendered as Fast Track Judges, for the purpose of pensionary and other retiral benefits. With the above directions and observations, the civil appeals are disposed of with no order as to costs."

5. In the G.O 5th read above, Government have issued orders to count the ad-hoc services rendered as ad-hoc Fast Track Court District Judges, together with their regular service in the cadre District Judge, in respect of (6) Dist. Judges, for the purpose of pensionary and retrial benefits only, but not to claim seniority and other reliefs from the date of their initial appointment, in accordance with the order of the Apex Court.

6. In the reference 6th read above, the Registrar (ADMN), High Court of Andhra Pradesh has furnished proposals of two (2) District Judges viz., 1) Smt. S. Sarada Devi and 2) Smt.B. Sunitha, who covered under the above said Judgment as far as A.P. State is concerned

7. In obedience to the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, Government hereby issue orders to count the ad-hoc services rendered as ad-hoc Fast Track Court District Judges, together with their regular service in the cadre District Judge, in respect of 1) Smt. S. Sarada Devi and 2) Smt. B. Sunitha, District Judges, subject to the same conditions as laid down in the G.O 5th read above, namely, that such counting will not confer any seniority or additional service benefits other than pension.

8. The Registrar (Administration), High Court of Andhra Pradesh shall take necessary further action accordingly.

9. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance (HR.III-Pension, GPF) Department vide their U.O.No.2723330/FIN01-HR0MISC/18/2025-HR-III, dt:30.10.2025.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOTTAPU PRATIBHA DEVI
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
LEGAL & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS & JUSTICE

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